

Tough License Suspensions to Hit Car Drunks

Motorists arrested for drunk driving during the Independence Day weekend, will have their licenses suspended for six months.

That was the warning this week from Robert McCarthy, State Motor Vehicle director, in a campaign to cut down the holiday accident toll.

"Every person arrested for drunk driving between July 1 and 6, and subsequently convicted, will have his license suspended for at least six months," he warned.

He said this ruling will apply to first offenders who previously escaped with light suspensions or none at all.

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HOT CIGARET HABIT—Only way to beat the new tax on smokes, which raises the price three cents per pack, is to hoard them at the old price, as shown here by Kurt Liepman, Torrance Press managing editor.

How to Beat Rising Costs of Cigarets

By Kurt Liepman

Although I consider myself a model citizen in most respects, I must confess that this week I slipped several notches in my own self-esteem.

You see, I became a cigarette hoarder. This blemish on my otherwise spotless character was forced on me when I learned of a new tax which will increase the price of cigarettes by three cents a pack.

My immediate reaction to this disastrous turn of events was to kick the habit entirely.

Perfect Plan
I revealed this plan of action to my wife Sunday morning while we dined over a late breakfast. "That's a wonderful idea," she gurgled enthusiastically, as she lit a cigarette.

"She remained silent for a few moments while she contemplated the perfect symmetry of smoke rings drifting in my direction. Then an idea flashed through her nimble mind.

"You know, with the money we'll save if you cut out smoking, I can get that new summer dress I want," she pointed out with typical female logic.

Ichy Fingers
I grunted something indistinguishable which she falsely interpreted as approval.

While she sipped her coffee contentedly, my fingers itched for the pack of cigarettes in front of her. The first symptoms of withdrawal pains had set in.

Before my wife could stop me I had lit a cigarette and puffed it hungrily.

"I thought you said you were giving it up?" she chided me in a critical tone.

"You can't be drastic about these things," I retorted crossly. "You start by cutting down, rather than giving it up completely. After all, Rome wasn't built in a day."

"Yes, but Nero burned it down in one night," she remarked brightly.

Trying Times
I smoked only sparingly during the entire morning, but by mid-afternoon my resolution dissolved in a fit of nervousness, and I wound up smoking an entire pack while watching a series of dull movies on television.

Sometime that evening, I sneaked to the supermarket and loaded up on as many cartons of cigarettes at the old price as I could safely carry.

When I returned home with the load of smokes, my wife gave me a disgusted look.

"No character," she mumbled, presumably mourning the new dress that might have been.

But there is still hope for her.

Loan Controllers Elect Officers

At the annual installation dinner, the Society of Savings and Loan Controllers, held Tuesday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, the following officers for 1959-60 were installed by Robert Hatch, auditor, Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan Association of Glendale, who is the newly elected 11th District governor of the society:

President, Kenneth S. Kubik, treasurer of Glendale Federal Savings and Loan; **first vice-president**, Roger L. Kringen, treasurer of Union Federal Savings, Los Angeles; **second vice-**

president, Peter Donohue, controller, Southern Federal Savings, Los Angeles; **secretary**, Mrs. Frances Maschio, assistant secretary of First Federal Savings, San Gabriel; **treasurer**, Donald E. Adams, treasurer of Southern California Building & Loan.

SKELETON CREW
Only a skeleton crew will be on duty in the City Hall tomorrow to give as many employees as possible a longer Independence Day holiday, City Manager George Stevens announced.

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Torrance Man Wins Promotion in Bank Post

A Torrance man has been promoted to the officer staff at Bank of America's Los Angeles Main Office, it was announced this week by Vice-President John A. Minehan, head of personnel for the bank's Southern California division.

Homer C. Morgan of 1637 Iris Avenue takes the post of assistant credit officer at the main office. For the past four years he has been a lending officer at the Gardena branch. While in Gardena, he served as a director and president of the Rotary Club and in fund raising campaigns for the YMCA.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, he started his banking career there in 1925 and joined Bank of America in Redondo Beach as a teller in 1947, his first year in California.

Morgan attended Carnegie Institute of Technology and graduated from the American Institute of Banking, educational wing of the American Bankers Association.

He and his wife, Agnes, are parents of two sons: John, a student of El Camino College, and Edward, an Air Force sergeant.

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K. of C. Slate to Be Installed Here Monday

James R. O'Toole, Grand Knight-elect, and the other new officers of the Los Crusados Council of the Knights of Columbus will be formally installed during a three-council ceremony to be held at the council chambers, 214 Avenue I, in Redondo Beach, July 6, at 8 p.m.

Burt Gagnon, newly appointed Deputy for the 38th district, will be the installing officer. In addition to offering the oath of office to the new officers of the Los Crusados council, Gagnon will also install the recently elected officers of the Wilmington and San Pedro councils.

The District Deputy will install Howard Hood as the Deputy Grand Knight of the Los Crusados council for the 1959-60 term of office. The other officers to be installed are Frank Artusio, chancellor; John Jansse, warden; James McDonald, recorder; Paul Hogan, treasurer; Larry Sargent, advocate; and William Fredericks, Tom Uribe, and Jess Salcido, guards.

Frank Artusio has been appointed general program chairman by O'Toole, and will direct the council's "six-point activities program." The other committee chairmen appointed by the Grand Knight are: John McVey, membership and insurance; Stan Jakubowski and Jerry Tondre, council activity; William Fredericks, fraternal activity; Joseph Piatt and Ed Olson, public relations; Ed Kleist, Catholic activity; Ed Greene and Jim Crawford, youth activity.

Gagnon, the new District Deputy, is a member of the Los Crusados council. He succeeds John McVey, also a member of the Los Crusados council, in the district office. Gagnon is a past Grand Knight of the Los Angeles council and a past Chapter president.

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